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## **NEWS RELEASE**

United States Attorney Michael L. Levy today announced the filing of an Indictment<sup>1</sup> against Christopher Brophy, a former Citizens Bank branch manager in Horsham, Pennsylvania, charging him with conspiracy to commit bank fraud and aggravated identity theft, bank fraud, aggravated identity theft, and unauthorized access of Citizens Bank records in connection with bank fraud.

According to the indictment, from January through February 2008, Brophy participated in the theft of account information of a customer of Citizens Bank and in the theft of funds from Citizens Bank. The customer information was passed from Brophy to other individuals who manufactured fraudulent photographic identification documents in the names of a customer of the bank, using the photograph of a "check-runner," an individual who then posed as the bank customer and made fraudulent withdrawals from the account of that customer. The indictment further alleges that Brophy himself approved and processed two of the fraudulent withdrawals.

## INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR YEAR OF BIRTH
Christopher Brophy	Philadelphia, PA	31

If convicted the defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of forty-two years imprisonment and a \$1,750,000 fine.

The case was jointly investigated by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service and the U.S. Secret Service, and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney K.T. Newton.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>An Indictment or Information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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